

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes -- the flags will limit my ability to make legal copies of broadcast content for my personal use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

yes -- the flags could potentially interfere with my ability to move digital content around on my home network and prevent me from moving content from device to device. I'd would like the ability to freely move content between devices in my home --giving me the flexibility to enjoy material in whatever room of the house I desire.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes -- I'm very concerned that my current equipment will become useless if content starts carrying these flags. It isn't fair to penalize consumers who have already made an investment in equipment.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I think the flags will hinder development of new and innovative products. It's still a very young market and I don't think it's wise to let content providers exert such an extreme amount of control over the hardware and software that is developed and sold.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Broadcast flags will likely stifle the development of consumer products resulting in few choices and higher prices. Giving content providers such a large measure of control over these devices will stifle robust competition among hardware and software producers.

Other Comments:

I think the FCC needs to stand up and protect consumers' rights in this arena.